

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1834 - SB 1798**

February 29, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Exempts the slaughter of sheep and goats and on-farm sale of custom slaughtered and processed meat from swine, sheep, goats, and cattle by persons who raise such animals from the requirements of the Tennessee Meat and Poultry Inspection Act.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- According to the Department of Agriculture (DOA), this bill would place the state in non-compliance with the Federal Meat Inspection Act which requires inspection of such products.
- The proposed bill effectively exempts the slaughter of sheep, goats, swine, and cattle from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) required inspections when such meat is sold directly from a farm.
- Based on information provided by the DOA, the proposed exemption could result in lawsuits to the Department by the USDA or by competitors that are required to be inspected by the USDA for the Department's failure to enforce the Federal Meat Inspection Act.
- It is assumed any lawsuit will be handled through the DOA and the Office of the Attorney General and Reporter through the normal course of business within existing resources.
- Any fiscal impact to the state is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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